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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-86

This notice announces revisions and updates to the Field Office Technical (FOTG) as follows:

Section I:

The Cost Data – 2006 has been added to the Section I – Cost Data subfolder. The cost list contains many changes implemented to provide flexibility and efficiencies in USDA contracting activities. Changes from Cost Data - 2005 cost table are identified by a vertical line within the page margin.

A link to the Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Management Handbook, <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/WLI/wre&m.pdf> is now located in Reference Subjects - Wetlands subfolder (this is a very large file and may take 5-10 minutes to download).

The Windloss worksheets in Erosion Prediction – Wind Erosion – Critical Period Wind Erosion – County subfolders have been updated to reflect changes to individual county soil survey information. The updated worksheets include new instructions and will allow the user to account for carry over residue from one year to another (i.e., as in no-till systems).

Each Field Office will need to:

- Rename the existing Windloss worksheet located on Service Center S: drive (i.e. Old Adams County Windloss Worksheet). This copy should be archived for use, if needed.
- Download the new worksheet from Section I – Erosion Prediction – Wind Erosion – Critical Period Wind Erosion – County subfolders (same name as the previous worksheet) to the same folder on the S: drive. Review the worksheet for the correct soil survey information, county yield, C value, and wind direction factors.

North Dakota Agricultural Statistics 2005 supersedes *North Dakota Agricultural Statistics 2004*, identified in the List of Economic and Ag Stats References in Section I, Reference Subjects, Economics and Ag Statistics subfolder. The information in this publication may also be found on the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service website <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd/> by clicking on Publications/Release, Annual Bulletin. The *Ranking North Dakota Agriculture – September 2005*, which summarizes North Dakota agricultural statistics, may be found on the website <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd/rank05i.pdf>.

Filing Instructions:

A hard copy of *North Dakota Agricultural Statistics 2005* will be sent to NRCS offices. Remove *North Dakota Agricultural Statistics 2004* and file the new publication in the Agricultural Statistics section of FOTG Reference File.

Distribution: FOTG

Section II:

The link to Web Soil Survey, <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/> has been placed in Section II – Soil Information. The Web Soil Survey is a powerful way to access and analyze soil data.

Questions regarding cost list data, North Dakota Agricultural Statistics – 2005 and Ranking North Dakota Agriculture – September 2005 may be directed to Stuart Blotter, Resource Conservationist, at (701) 530-2034 or stuart.blotter@nd.usda.gov or JoDean Nichols, Economist, at (701) 530-2093 or jodean.nichols@nd.usda.gov.

Question regarding web soil survey may be directed to Steve Sieler, State Soil Liaison, at (701) 530-2019 or steve.sielier@nd.usda.gov. Questions regarding Windloss updates may be directed to your area agronomist or Alan Ness, State Agronomist at (701) 530-2079 or alan.ness@nd.usda.gov.

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